

First Presbyterian Church, Tonawanda

Shrove Tuesday Supper Church

February 21, 2023

The people gather and play; the table is set

Pancake Flipper Races

Parade: *When the Saints Go Marching In*

Wash up and gather around the table

Gathering Song: By the Stream

Christopher Grundy

Blessed are those who trust in God,
they will be like a tree planted by the water, planted by the water,
And sending out its roots by the stream.

Opening Prayer

Our Loving God, We mark this Shrove Tuesday, celebrating with pancakes and remembering the ways your ancient stories and living words combine, calling us to give up greed and find fullness in faith and sweetness in serving. Give us a taste for your truth and a hunger for helping others. Amen.

Enjoy Supper

*Conversation Topic: What difference does Easter make to our faith?
How will you celebrate Lent as you prepare yourself for the great Easter
celebration?*

Invitation to Lenten Disciplines

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21 (feel free to use your labyrinth)

Reader: Beware of practicing your piety ...and your Father... will reward you.

All: From dust you came and to dust you will return.

Reader: And whenever you pray... and your Father... will reward you.

All: From dust you came and to dust you will return.

Reader: And whenever you fast... and your Father... will reward you.

All: From dust you came and to dust you will return.

Reader: Do not store ... For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

All: From dust you came and to dust you will return.

Child's Prayer of Confession:

God, we are sorry for the things we did this week that we should not have done.

I'm sorry, God.

We are sorry for the things we should have done, but didn't.

I'm sorry, God.

Please help us to forgive our brothers and sisters and friends as you forgive us.

Help us forgive, God.

God, thank you for loving us and forgiving us.

Thank you, God. Amen.

Prayer from Bosco Peters

Leader: Let us pray that we may live as forgiven people. *pause*

God of infinite mercy, grant that we who know your compassion may rejoice in your forgiveness and gladly forgive others for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

Amen

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The imposition of ashes

Bless the Lord, my soul; and bless God's holy name. Taizé

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

And all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

And forget not all God's benefits.

Charge and Benediction

Song: *All the People Said Amen*

Matt Maher

Chorus: And all the people said "Amen," woah, and all the people said "Amen."
Give thanks to the Lord, for his love never ends. And all the people said "Amen."